



FISCAL YEAR 2023

JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023

CITY OF ROCKVILLE



Annual Report

Rockville is Looking to the Future



FY 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING CITY MANAGER

On behalf of our city team, I am pleased to present this annual report of the City of Rockville's progress. The accomplishments reflected here in this 2023 Annual Report cover progress made by your city from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023. We want to share with you how the city is looking to the future with a continued commitment to people-centric public service, stewardship of the environment, and improving connections with our diverse neighborhoods and residents.

In FY 2023, the Mayor and Council took steps to usher in a new era of leadership for the city, voting unanimously in February to increase the number of elected councilmembers from four to six. This change was one of several recommended by residents serving on the city's Charter Review Commission.

In May, the Mayor and Council adopted a \$157.2 million city budget for Fiscal Year 2024 that maintains services and focuses on fiscal sustainability, capital investments and ongoing city plans, such as the Comprehensive Plan, Climate Action Plan and Vision Zero Action Plan. The city made strides on these plans in FY23 by:

- Beginning implementation of the city's new 2040 Comprehensive Plan, which outlines a philosophy to guide development, conservation and capital improvement projects.
- Making progress on many of the 42 initiatives in Rockville's first Climate Action Plan. This includes launching two food scraps compost drop-off facilities and a pilot flood mitigation assistance program, receiving state and federal funding and technical support for a Flood Resiliency Master Plan, replacing 13 city fleet vehicles with electric models, beginning development of an Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan, and continuing to promote a solar and electric vehicle charger co-op.
- Launching a new audit process to examine roadways to identify needed safety improvements per the Vision Zero Action Plan to eliminate traffic and pedestrian deaths and serious injuries.

Here are some other ways the city advanced Mayor and Council priorities in FY23:

- Community outreach kicked off for the new Town Center Master Plan update, which will help guide the area's success in coming decades.
- Preserving and providing affordable housing with the reopening of the Parkside Landing Apartments and the acquisition of Scarborough Square by Rockville Housing Enterprises, the city's public housing agency.
- The completion of improvements along Baltimore Road to create an improved roadway design, better pedestrian safety at intersections and easier access to the Rockville Metro station.
- Appropriated \$2 million for design work related to the RedGate Park Master Plan, which the Mayor and Council adopted in October.
- The Mayor and Council continued their strong opposition to the state's proposed I-495 and I-270 Managed Lanes Project and engaged with Montgomery County about plans for a behavioral health diversion center on the county-owned detention facility site on Seven Locks Road.
- The Mayor and Council adopted an ordinance to apply Montgomery County's home energy disclosure and radon testing laws to the sale of single-family homes and townhomes in Rockville.
- Welcomed staff into newly created positions, including a mental health specialist in the Rockville City Police Department; an Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator; a grants manager; and an arts, culture and history program manager. The Department of Community Planning and Development Services also welcomed a deputy director to serve in that existing role.
- For a sixth year running, Rockville scored the maximum 100 marks on the Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index, recognizing the city's commitment to the health, welfare, safety and equality of its lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community.

On behalf of the Mayor and Council and city staff, I thank you for your support in moving our city toward a better future. Your engagement is key to maintaining Rockville as a vibrant, inclusive community of engaged residents, healthy businesses, and safe and diverse neighborhoods. We wish you and your family peace, health and happiness.

Barack Matite, Acting City Manager



ROCKVILLE IS . . . Improving Accessibility and Inclusion

47 people, including 36 in person and 11 virtually, attended the Procurement Division's first "Rockville Means Business" outreach event. The free event supported Mayor and Council initiatives encouraging business participation, with a focus on businesses owned by minorities, women, people with disabilities and veterans. It gave businesses interested in the city's contracting process the opportunity to interact with city staff, and learn about Rockville's new e-bidding system and vendor collaboration portal, strategies for doing business with the city, and tips for responding to city solicitations.

17 Recreation and Parks staff members who, in cooperation with the city's Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator, established the department's ADA Access Team to improve service delivery and foster accessible city services and spaces to welcome people of all abilities. Twinbrook Community Recreation Center provided an **accessible/universal programming training** for out-of-school program staff.

2 new villages emerged in New Mark Commons and Orchard Falls. These local, volunteer-led, grassroots organizations joined to foster social connections through activities and events, and coordinate volunteer help at home using a neighbor-helping-neighbor model.

The Mayor and Council adopted and implemented recommendations of the Boards and Commissions Task Force to **increase outreach to, and recruitment of, diverse populations** for appointments and reappointments to city boards and commissions.



ROCKVILLE IS . . . Getting Ready for the 2023 Election

The Office of the City Clerk/Director of Council Operations began preparations for November's vote-by-mail election, including implementing the Board of Supervisors of Elections' "lessons learned" recommendations from the 2019 election.



The board formed a joint committee with the Human Rights Commission and Asian American Pacific Task Force to improve outreach to the Asian community.

4 languages the city used for voter outreach. Rockville is producing 2023 election materials in English, Spanish, simplified Chinese and French, following recommendations from the Board of Supervisors of Elections.

"Please accept my sincerest gratitude for the successful meet-and-greet showcase with county elected officials! Each of you played a major role in executing this inaugural event to orient/reorient the county executive and county councilmembers to the programs and projects in our city. . . . The vibes were positive, our guests remarked how they appreciated the opportunity to engage in an informal setting. Thank you, and all city staff who worked on this event, gave up a Saturday morning, and promoted Rockville 'strong.'"

— Montgomery County Councilmember Kate Stewart



The Department of Community Planning and Development Services created an internal working group to evaluate policy, staffing and engagement, and identify opportunities to improve inclusion, diversity, equity and accessibility through department policies, staffing and engagement. The goal is **more equitable planning and land-use decisions** in support of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council in 2021.

ROCKVILLE IS . . . Providing Efficient and Effective City Services

17,763 tons of material the city's recycling and refuse team collected from 14,234 customers, including: **4,097** tons of recycling and **3,605** tons of yard waste.



1,965 regulatory compliance inspections conducted by the Environmental Management Division at construction sites (689), stormwater facilities (547) and food service establishments (225), as well as backflow inspection reports (380), and commercial stormwater pollution prevention inspections (124). **Thirteen** enforcement

Projects managed by the IT department also include completing an **upgrade to the telecom system software** for city facilities, **migrating the IT help desk** to better serve city staff and **auditing city print devices** to identify opportunities to standardize and consolidate print services, improving performance, streamlining operations, reducing costs, and improving environment sustainability.

The Department of Housing and Community Development began using an **electronic record-keeping system for emergency assistance, human services and counseling clients**.

The Inspection Services Division issued all field inspectors and supervisors new **Surface Pro**

county police or the county sheriff's office.

300 guns turned in during the city's first-ever gun buyback event. Held in partnership with the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office and Montgomery County Public Schools, the buyback offered gift cards in exchange for cards for functioning assault-style weapons and privately made firearms (ghost guns), which were later destroyed.



city's Flood Resiliency Master Plan.

\$179,000 in technical assistance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer Planning Assistance to States program to develop flood models and mitigation options for two sub-watersheds hard hit by flooding from remnants



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parks department staff currently posted at the Rothgeb Drive maintenance facility.



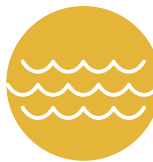
Completed construction of the **Mt. Vernon stormwater management facility**.

Approved a **coiled wire standard detail** to eliminate improperly installed and unsightly dangling cables from city rights of way.

ROCKVILLE IS . . . Planning, Preserving and Improving Parks

\$616,000 in grant funding, from multiple sources, received by the Department of Recreation and Parks.

130 acres of RedGate Park, about 90% of which will be dedicated to passive recreation such as connected trails for biking, hiking and walking, pathways, areas for picnicking, open spaces and natural habitats under a master plan the Mayor and Council approved Oct. 17.



- Replacement of the Promenade Park elevator.
- Layout and construction specifications for a labyrinth within Mattie J. T. Stepanek Park.
- Research and purchase of a steel sculpture, representing the Flame of Hope, to be installed within Mattie J. T. Stepanek Park.
- Awarded a contract for the design of Rockville Swim and Fitness Center outdoor pool renovations, sought community input to understand key design elements, and received 65% draft plans for the project.
- Conducted community engagement and began the design of renovations at Lincoln Park Community Center.



actions issued. **\$16,279** in penalties collected.

1,042 landlord-tenant calls fielded, and **93** landlord-tenant complaints and concerns resolved, by the Department of Housing and Community Development.



The city established retention and recruitment incentives for **Rockville police officers** and recycling and refuse employees to maintain operations and remain competitive with other jurisdictions when hiring.

The city **overhauled its performance measurement system**. The FY 2024 adopted budget includes new performance measures that help the Rockville community better understand the functions of the city and gauge the city's progress/achievements over time.

ROCKVILLE IS . . . Approaching the Future with Technology to Increase Efficiency

7,396 virtual meetings held by city staff, across **408,370** minutes, with support from the Department of Information Technology. The IT department also brought hybrid meeting functionality to **12 meeting rooms** located in **five high-traffic recreation and community centers**.

The city transitioned to Legistar to offer a **more accessible agenda management system** for hosting information on public meetings.

3,500 business addresses migrated from a legacy permit plan system to a geographic information system by the IT department, which also developed a workflow to manage new business addresses and created an easy-to-use app to allow city inspectors to verify and modify business addresses in the field.

The IT department partnered with the Department of Community Planning and Development Services to create a **Development Watch application map**, centralizing documents that are associated with development projects. This helps ease the workload for CPDS staff and allows the city to provide information more easily for Maryland Public Information Act requests.

devices to more quickly deliver inspection results to permit holders.

ROCKVILLE IS . . . Playing Together (More Than Ever)

\$6.8 M in revenue generated by the Department of Recreation and Parks, **exceeding its revenue goal by 4%**, with participation exceeding pre-pandemic levels in most service areas.

659,479 visitors to city recreation facilities and special events, including record attendance at the Independence Day celebration and Antique and Classic Car Show.

35,040 registrations for recreation and parks programs and services, a **21% increase**.

60 athletes represented the City of Rockville in the Mid-Atlantic Recreation and Parks Sports Alliance regional track meet, competing against teams from Alexandria, Virginia; Gaithersburg; and Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

2 years of the Rockville Skate Jam, which brought a DJ, food trucks, professional demonstrations, skateboarding competitions, a build-your-own skateboard activity and morning yoga to the Rockville Skate Park on a Saturday in April.

ROCKVILLE IS . . . A Great Place for Seniors

12,716 meals served to seniors by the Rockville Senior Center.

16,400 bus rides for seniors to the center, grocery shopping and other places around town.

ROCKVILLE IS . . . Ensuring Public Safety Through Community Policing

21,957 calls that the Rockville City Police Department responded to, representing 78.5% of all calls within Rockville's city limits to city or

500 community members attended RCPD's community open house, giving them an opportunity to engage with police command staff, officers, professional staff and the city's Community Policing Advisory Board in an informal setting.



700 people attended RCPD's first-ever Halloween Boo Bash, helping to grow the relationship between Rockville community members and officers.

30 applicants for entry level and lateral police officer positions at RCPD's first-in-the area on-site hiring event and Hiring Happy Hour at Thomas Farm Community Center, offering a diverse selection of applicants in a competitive law enforcement hiring market. RCPD also launched a program that provides a \$3,120 stipend to officers who speak a language in addition to English. RCPD officers speak Spanish, Mandarin, Korean, German and Italian.

10 officers hired by RCPD. Representing various racial, ethnic, socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds, lifestyles, experiences and interests, they reflect a commitment to serving the city's diverse population. RCPD also welcomed a full-time **mental health specialist** to help evaluate and provide mental health resources, including crisis services, for individuals and officers with mental health issues.

RCPD continued to promote **policing with technology** by transitioning to state-of-the-art Axon Taser 7 devices and the Axon body-worn camera system for greater video clarity, reliability and ease of use, and contracting for an upgrade of the citywide speed monitoring camera system.

ROCKVILLE IS . . . Prepared

The city hosted an **emergency preparedness roundtable** with Montgomery County, the City of Gaithersburg, Pepco, Washington Gas and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, building coordination and preparation to better serve residents and businesses during emergencies such as fires and flooding.

\$75,000 in a grant award from the Chesapeake and Atlantic Trust Fund for the

of Hurricane Ida in 2021.

The IT department helped improve safety and security in city facilities by:

- Implementing a **safety and alert system** to notify staff at City Hall of emergency situations via desk phones, mobile phones, computers or panic buttons.
- Redesigning and employing **smart cameras** to ensure the safety and well-being of residents and staff throughout the Rockville Senior Center.
- Completing the **America's Water Infrastructure Act Risk and Resilience Assessment**, including a cybersecurity evaluation tool assessment that informed security improvements at the city's water treatment plant.



ROCKVILLE IS . . . Envisioning Safer Mobility for All

The city continued pursuit of **Vision Zero**, a strategy to eliminate all traffic and pedestrian fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, fair mobility for all. Efforts included:

5 intersections audited under a newly launched safety audits program, with proposed improvements to be completed over the next year. The State Highway Administration has completed another 10 audits at the city's request.

6 sidewalk segments evaluated, with three to be advanced for design over the next year, through a new sidewalk feasibility program.

The **draft Pedestrian Master Plan**, which was completed in FY 2023 and is expected to be adopted this fall, outlines a vision for a transportation network and built environment that allows residents and visitors of all abilities and needs to safely, comfortably and conveniently walk or roll throughout the city.

2,025 -linear-foot sidewalk to be constructed this fall on the north side of West Gude Drive by a \$1.2 million project to connect MD 355 and Watkins Pond Boulevard.

Grants awarded to the city to support Vision Zero include:

- **\$312,000**, through Maryland's Transportation Alternatives Program, for the Twinbrook Safe Routes to School and Transit Access Study.
- **\$80,000** from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments for a Complete

Streets feasibility study to evaluate improvements to Mannakee Street between MD 28 and MD 355. The program also awarded the city **\$60,000** for a Complete Streets feasibility study that identified intersection improvements and the ability to add a bike lane on Fleet and Monroe streets.

- **\$52,000**, through the Kim Lamphier Maryland Bikeways Network program, for a Martins Lane bicycle lanes feasibility study and design and \$41,490 through the program to purchase and install eight pedestrian and bicycle counters throughout the city.
- **\$50,000**, through COG's Regional Roadway Safety Program, for the Beall Avenue Corridor Improvements Feasibility Study. The program also awarded the city **\$40,000** to develop best practices for installing crosswalks and ancillary crossing improvements based on best practices by national and regional jurisdictions.

ROCKVILLE IS . . . Maintaining Infrastructure and Building for the Future

\$11.6 M in tax exempt general obligation bonds issued to support the city's water, sewer and stormwater management infrastructure.

43 sanitary sewer backups and 22 water main breaks repaired by city crews.

1.25 miles of Baltimore Road improvements completed in spring. Decades in the making, the project makes the connection between Rockville Town Center and the city's east side more convenient, safe and accessible for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists. The improvements added pedestrian safety measures, including curb bump outs, wider sidewalks, a shared-use path, improved drainage and easier access to the Rockville Metro station. The nearly \$7 million project utilized nearly \$4 million in federal aid to finish under budget.

10.4 lane miles of roads resurfaced with new asphalt.

Began the first phase of construction at **6 Taft Court**, which will be the new home for public works and recreation and

ROCKVILLE IS . . . Planning for the City's Future

\$1.8 M provided by the city towards the acquisition of Scarborough Square in the city's College Gardens neighborhood. The acquisition, in collaboration with Rockville Housing Enterprises and Montgomery County, provides and preserves 121 affordable housing units.

500 people responded to a survey about the future of Rockville Town Center. CPDS staff hosted four public meetings and staffed tables at 10 events in Rockville as the city kicked off its Town Center Master Plan update, a Mayor and Council priority and key piece of the Rockville 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

City staff managed approvals and permits for **key development projects** to attract residents and support economic development, including new homes at the King Buick site and Twinbrook Commons, a mixed-use development at Potomac Woods, and the new Lidl/Henson project at 15931 Frederick Road.

The city is ensuring that residents are constructing safe homes and Rockville neighborhoods maintain their high level of appearance. To do this, the Inspection Services Division launched periodic **weekend patrols to combat illegal construction** and launched a **Proactive Code Enforcement Program** that contributed to a reduction in complaints.

The **Historic Preservation Work Plan**, approved by the Mayor and Council, charts a 10-year course for updating Rockville's historic preservation program and policies to make them consistent with national standards and best practices. The plan will expand educational programming, streamline administrative processes and improve transparency about how preservation decisions are made.

Published the **2020 census report** detailing city population and social and economic data that helps the Mayor and Council and city boards and commissions make better decisions about how to effectively serve residents. Staff also coordinated with Montgomery County and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments to provide data for regional projections for population, housing and employment.

\$2 M in federal American Rescue Plan Act aid appropriated for design work related to the RedGate Park Master Plan. The funds were the last of the city's \$9.6 million allocation from the 2021 federal legislation.

Completed parks projects included:

- **Isreal Park improvements**, including a new picnic pavilion with ADA-accessible restrooms, picnic tables and grills, a walking path, benches, a walkway to the tennis courts and open space.

- **A splash pad** at Maryvale Park.
- **A sidewalk connection** from Edmonston Drive to the existing sidewalk at Rockville Civic Center Park.
- **New playground equipment** and renovations to an athletic field at Potomac Woods Park.
- **Renovation of the pervious parking lot** at Falls Grove Park/Thomas Farm Community Center.
- **Construction of an ADA-compliant greenhouse** at the Rockville Senior Center.
- **Renovations** at Dogwood and Maryvale parks to create single-user/gender-neutral restrooms.
- **Roof replacements** at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center snack bar and bathhouse.
- **Rebuilding the pedestrian bridge** in Dawson Farm Park.

- **Trail renovations** to the Carl Henn Millennium Trail and paths along Great Falls Road, Falls Road and within the Falls Grove neighborhood.

- **Converting four tennis courts to two tennis courts, four pickleball courts and one soccer court** at Broome Athletic Park.
 - **Renovating basketball and tennis courts** (adding pickleball lines) at Welsh and Potomac Woods parks.
 - **Installing new retaining walls and drainage systems** to eliminate water ponding on athletic courts at Welsh and Twinbrook parks.
- Completed park project designs included:
- **King Farm Farmstead water/sewer infrastructure** and concept design for the fire suppression system within the dairy barns and main farmhouse.
 - **King Farm Farmstead electric infrastructure**.
 - **A 47-space parking lot** at the King Farm Farmstead Park in partnership with the adjacent property developer.
 - **Roof improvements** at City Hall.

ROCKVILLE IS . . . In the Swim of Things

5,308 youth took learn-to-swim classes at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center.

529 people completed certifications through Red Cross training courses at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, making the center an American Red Cross top training provider for safety training class registrations.

200 employees began the summer season at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, bucking the national trend of aquatic staff shortages and offering the community a fully staffed center.

ROCKVILLE IS . . . All in for Art

2 new art installations adorned city facilities. "Three Friends Floating," by Matthew Geller, was installed at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center. "Need to Shred," by Ryan McKibbin and Christian Benefield, was installed at the Rockville Skate Park.

The city partnered with the Rockville Art League to sponsor a **sunflower show** at Glenview Mansion Art Gallery, with proceeds of sales donated to organizations supporting Ukrainian citizens.

ROCKVILLE IS . . . Caring for Neighbors

620 Rockville households benefited from the city's 2022 Holiday Drive, which returned to its traditional in-person food and toy distribution. The community contributed **\$43,785** in monetary donations and **\$42,500** in in-kind donations to the drive.

\$30,000 distributed through the Rockville Emergency Assistance Program, protecting **16 households** from eviction.

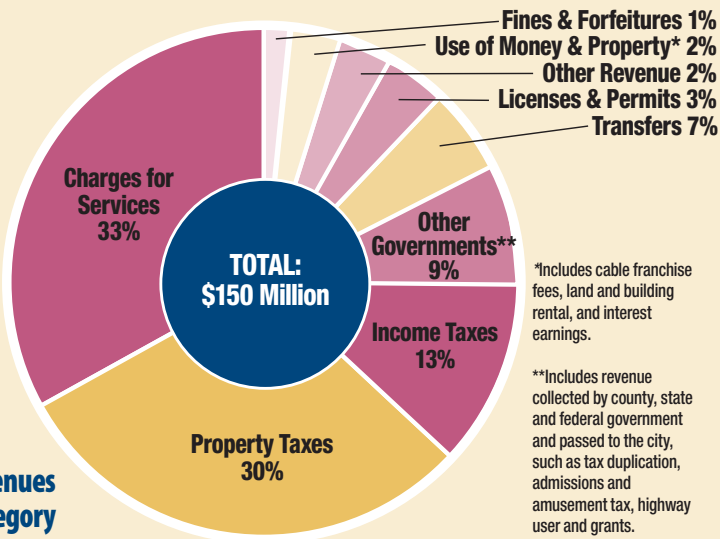
\$13,500 in small-dollar donations to the Rockville Recreation Fund by more than **1,000** individuals through a round-up option when paying recreation program registration fees. The fund helps qualified families participate in city recreation programs.

ROCKVILLE IS ... Fiscally Responsible

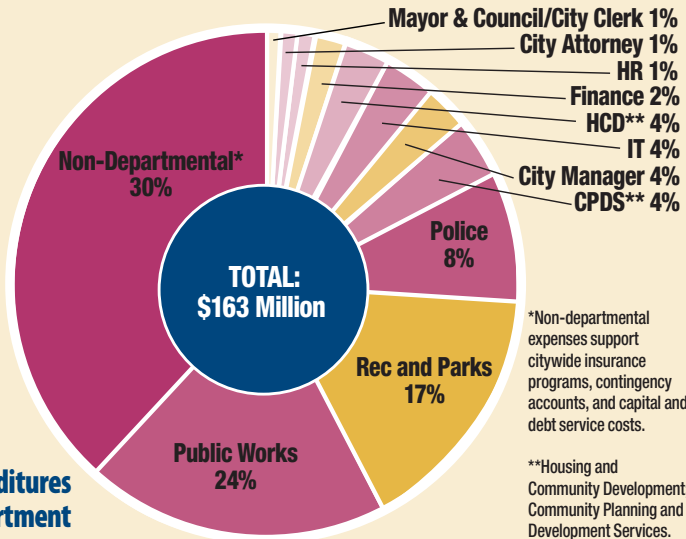


Rating agencies Moody's and Standard & Poor's reaffirmed the city's **triple-A bond rating**. This highest-possible rating allows the city to borrow at the lowest interest rates, saving taxpayers money.

FY 2023 Operating Revenues by Category



FY 2023 Expenditures by Department



Caring for Neighbors continued...

The Department of Housing and Community Development collaborated with **VisArts** to utilize grant funding for Rockville youth to participate in the arts center's programs, added **mentoring and youth development groups** at middle schools served by the department, and secured additional funding from Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services to meet the growing demand for **youth mental health counseling services**.

DHCD also supported neighbors by:

- Launching **food distribution** from the Rockville Senior Center through an agreement with the Central Food Bank.
- Hosting **landlord-tenant symposiums** for residents and property owners and managers and an **information session** on city housing and supportive services programs.
- **\$263,000** in federal Community Development Block Grants to assist 52 households correct code deficiencies and address emergency home repairs.
- Collaborating with the city's Department of Public Works to connect Rockville Housing Enterprises, the city's public housing agency, with **EmPOWER Maryland grants** to make energy-efficiency upgrades to affordable single-family rental properties.
- Launching **Bank On Rockville** to support financial literacy, capability and access to safe and affordable transactional financial services for low-income residents.

Lights at City Hall, the Rockville City Police Department headquarters and other city facilities once again shone purple throughout September as part of the **Rockville Goes Purple** campaign. The city continued the fight to bring awareness to the national impact of opioid addiction and signal hope for recovery, as the Mayor and Council proclaimed September as National Recovery Month.

ROCKVILLE IS ... Grateful for Great Volunteers

1,178 volunteers gave 66,440 hours to recreation and parks programs. Valued at

\$31.80 per hour, according to the Independent Sector, a coalition of charitable organizations, volunteers contributed time valued at more than **\$2.1 million**.



507 volunteers participated in 29 public workdays to remove non-native invasive plants from Rockville parks through the Rockville Weed Warrior Program.

400 volunteers removed 168 bags of trash for cleaner waterways through the city's Adopt-A-Stream program.

7 Boy Scouts were assisted by the Department of Recreation and Parks in earning the rank of Eagle Scout through service projects that included improvements to city parks and trails, Croydon Creek Nature Center and the Rockville Senior Center.

ROCKVILLE IS ... Pursuing Excellence, Receiving Accolades

The city was honored for excellence with the following awards and accolades:

- The American Planning Association's **Planning Excellence Award** for the Rockville 2040 Comprehensive Plan.
- The Government Finance Officers Association honored the city's Finance Department with a **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, with Special Capital Recognition** for the city's FY23 budget.
- Bryan Barnett-Woods, a principal transportation planner who serves as the city's bicycle and pedestrian coordinator and Vision Zero coordinator, was named **2023 Maryland Municipal League Municipal Employee of the Year**.
- **Sixteen city police officers** were recognized for lifesaving, meritorious and distinguished service acts at the Greater Rockville Chamber of Commerce's 34th Annual Rockville Public Safety Awards.
- The City of Rockville was named the **12th Safest Suburb** in the United States by SmartAsset.com.
- A city program that seeks to stop commercial facilities from polluting storm drains and streams earned **second place in the Innovative Stormwater Permit Implementation** category of the



Chesapeake Stormwater Network's **Best Urban BMP (Best Management Practices) in the Bay Awards**, better known as the BUBBAs.

ROCKVILLE IS ... Keen About Green

- **47,000 spring bulbs** and **28,470 summer annuals** planted in flower beds throughout the city.
- **518 trees** planted in city rights of way and parks.
- The city's **five-year pruning schedule for street trees**, completed pruning in the North Farm, Orchard Falls, Potomac Springs, Hungerford and New Mark Commons neighborhoods.
- **200 native trees** adopted by **200** residents through the annual Rockville Fall Tree Giveaway. Registration for the free trees filled up in **just five days**.
- **34** consecutive years that the city has received the **Tree City USA Award** from the National Arbor Day Foundation.
- The city received the **PLANT (People Loving and Nurturing Trees) Award** from the Maryland Urban and Community Forest Council.



The city's **RainScapes Rebates Program** helped properties reduce stormwater runoff by awarding rebates for the installation of **12 rain barrels, 3,137 square feet of conservation landscaping, 10 trees, and the replacement of 4,041 square feet of pavement** with permeable pavers.

The city completed a project to retrofit City Hall with **energy-efficient light-emitting diode lighting** and install **window film** for temperature control.



Converted the parking lot lights at Elwood Smith Park to **LED fixtures**.

329 participants in the Maryland Capital Area Solar Co-op, in which city staff and the Environment Commission partnered with Maryland Solar United Neighbors and other jurisdictions to promote rooftop solar purchases.

175 people participated in in-person and virtual outreach events, and **244 participants**

responded to a survey, as the city launched public engagement for its Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan, to support EV adoption and ensure equitable charging access.

150 attendees for Climate Solutions Speaker Series virtual presentations on reducing waste and composting, electrification, reducing flood risk, and backyard native landscapes.

41 tons of food waste composted by residents during the first eight months of the city's residential food scraps compost drop-off stations at the Rothgeb Drive maintenance facility and the Rockville Senior Center. City staff distributed 405 kitchen compost caddies to help keep valuable materials out of landfills and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



14 electric vehicles in Rockville's fleet after the purchase of 13 new EVs. The city also installed four charging stations at city facilities and executed agreements with Pepco to install 14 more on city property and rights of way.



42 actions outlined in the city's Climate Action Plan to equitably reduce greenhouse gases and strengthen resiliency.

Grants awarded to the city to support the **Climate Action Plan** include:

- **\$2 million** in a Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund Grant for the Croydon Creek/Calvin Tributary stream restoration project.
- **\$575,000**, total, through two Streetlight and Outdoor Lighting and Efficiency grants from the Maryland Energy Administration to aid in upgrading 623 city-owned streetlights to energy-efficient LED fixtures.
- **\$394,000** in total grant funding from MEA through two Solar Canopy and Dual Use Technology grants, to support the installation of solar canopies on parking lots at the Rothgeb Drive maintenance facility and 6 Taft Court.
- **\$150,000** through MEA's Maryland Smart Energy Communities grant program for energy-efficiency upgrades at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center and the Rockville Senior Center.

